

Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday.

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## Frenzied Women Hunting Bargains Overwhelm Police

Mad Rush of Shoppers at Store Opening Resembles Charge of an Army.

STRUGGLE LIKE DEMONS TO GAIN ENTRANCE

Torn Frocks and Coats Result of Officers' Inability to Cope With Mob.

Seven burly policemen were the chief factors in the opening of a new ten-cent store in Seventh street this morning, and for two hours it looked as if the hospitals might be called on for considerable attention before the day was over. However, accidents were prevented, and by 11 o'clock all panic dangers had disappeared.

For some days past it has been known that the new store would open at 10 o'clock this morning, but the authorities were not prepared for the warmth of welcome on the part of the public. At 9 o'clock the clans began to gather. Feminine Washington had manifestly had its breakfast soon after the break of dawn, and long before office workers were seeking their duties the cars were filled with prospective shoppers.

Police Calls for Aid. A big policeman stood in front of the store, but about 8:30 o'clock he made his way briskly down Seventh street to the patrol box, and had a heart to heart talk with his chief, with the result that six more bluecoats soon came tramping up, and not much too soon.

By 9 o'clock the crush was terrific. Women by hundreds pushed up against the narrow door space and the seven policemen had all they could do to avert serious accidents. Paying no attention to the warnings of the officers that there was grave danger in their repeated efforts to be the first in the store, the crowd pushed its way close to the building. For a time it looked as if the "big glass show windows" would give way, and so persistent were the women in their efforts to get into the store that even the danger of the glass crushing in had no effect on them.

Policemen Powerless.

When the doors were finally opened there was a mad rush for the inside. A thousand or more women jammed their way past the almost helpless policemen, tramping each other, tearing this one's coat and that one's gown in their eagerness to get inside. The seven policemen towered above the store, and a half block away pedestrians could hear them shouting their warnings to the crowd. People were literally picked up and forced into the store, and even the big guardians of the law had to stand their ground with all the physical force in their power in order to be carried away by the frantic crowd.

This condition prevailed for at least two hours, and even then it was almost impossible to get inside the store. Occasionally the policemen would permit the door to be opened and allow one or two persons to go inside as there would come out.

Thought Whole City There.

"How many people are in there?" a passerby asked one of the big policemen.

"The city of Washington," the bluecoat answered, and it looked as if there might be a goodly portion of the capital's population.

"What's the use of going in?" said a woman who came out with her hat over one eye and her clothes looking as if she had been sent through a washing machine, "you can't buy anything if you get in."

Whether indications point to the fact that this is to be a cheap Christmas and gifts are to be had for a nickel and dime limit has not been made clear, but one of the big policemen said it looked that way to him.

THIRTY YEARS' SENTENCE FOR BOY TRAIN ROBBER

MARSHALL, Mo., Dec. 14.—Jesse C. Ramsey, of Chicago, a Chicago boy who robbed the Alton-Burlington train on November 25, and the Rock Island Limited on November 8, both near Glasgow, Mo., pleaded guilty here to two charges. He was sentenced to a term of ten years' imprisonment on each charge, twenty years in all.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

In the last twenty-four hours rain has fallen in the Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys and snow in the lake region and the Dakotas.

The temperature has risen generally in the East and South, and fallen sharply in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

A disturbance now central in Wisconsin will cause snow or rain in the lake region and the northern portion of the middle Atlantic States tonight and Saturday. Rain is also probable in the east Gulf States and the Ohio valley tonight.

It will be colder in the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys. Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh northerly shifting to southeasterly winds, and cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.  
9 a. m. .... 46  
12 noon .... 47  
3 p. m. .... 47  
6 p. m. .... 46

SUN TABLE.  
Sun sets today ..... 4:39  
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 7:11

TIDE TABLE.  
High tide today ..... 6:45 a. m.  
Low tide today ..... 12:42 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow ..... 1:37 a. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Both rivers clear.

Blue coats called out to avert disaster at store opening. Women tear clothes and lose hats in wild rush. Children helpless before the maddening throng searching for cheap Christmas gifts. Police forced to admit helplessness in face of feminine combatants.

## DAUGHTER IS DEAD, HER FATHER DEAD; MOTHER IS DYING

Mrs. Fossum's Fatal Mistake May Cause Another Death.

Mrs. Amelia Fossum, aged thirty years, residing on South Dakota avenue, Woodbridge, met a sudden and tragic death last night at the home of her mother, Mrs. George J. Freitag, of Langdon, by swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid, believing that it was brandy.

Mrs. Fossum intended spending the night with her mother, who was suffering from a general nervous breakdown on account of the death of her husband, George J. Freitag, who was buried yesterday. Shortly after the departure of Dr. John S. Dorsey, who was attending her, Mrs. Freitag had a fainting spell and called for a stimulant. Mrs. Fossum hastened to procure this, but before reaching her mother with the bottle, which she supposed contained brandy, she also felt the need of a stimulant, owing to the severe nervous strain, and drank hurriedly of its contents.

Screamed and Fell. Upon swallowing the deadly poison she was heard to scream twice and fall to the floor. She died in horrible agony before medical assistance could reach her. Dr. Dorsey finding life practically extinct when he reached her. All efforts to revive her proved unavailing, and the physician had to next turn his attention to the mother who had become desperately ill from the shock.

The case is an unusual and pathetic one and may yet culminate in a triple tragedy. Mrs. Freitag this afternoon being in a very critical condition on account of the shock incident to her daughter's awful fate.

Room Was Dark.

Had not Mrs. Fossum partaken of the contents of the bottle before waiting upon her mother it is probable that Mrs. Freitag, instead, would have been the victim of the poison, the room being dark at the time, making the mistake a natural one.

Mrs. Fossum leaves two small children, a boy and a girl of ten and twelve years, respectively, and a husband, who was away from home in the West, when the death of his wife occurred. He has been communicated with, the funeral being postponed until next Monday afternoon, when an appeal will probably be taken to the probate court.

## TWO GILMANS NOW ACCUSED OF DONA'S MURDER

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Fayne and Collins Gilman, sister and brother of Dona Gilman, the beautiful young woman, whose shocking murder some months ago, stirred the entire State, were today taken before Magistrate Wagner to answer in a preliminary hearing to a charge of having been accomplices in their sister's murder.

David Curtis, an alleged degenerate, is now under arrest, the self-confessed perpetrator of the crime. Upon the request of their attorneys the hearing of young Gilman and his sister was postponed until next Monday afternoon, when an appeal will probably be taken to the probate court.

## NEWELL SENTENCED; 3 YEARS FOR MAN WHO SHOT ADLER

Justice Stafford, in Criminal Court No. 1, today sentenced Alphonso M. Newell to serve three years in the penitentiary. Newell was tried and convicted before Justice Stafford on Thursday on a charge of assaulting Victor Adler, his former employer, with a dangerous weapon. The assault took place in Mr. Adler's store on the 31st of last October, when Newell shot the former in the arm.

## MAV PROSECUTE MAJOR GARRETT FOR LOBBYING

District Attorney May Take Up Case of Former Secretary of Senator Morgan.

INTEREST IN CONGRESS IN AFFAIR INCREASES

Statement as to Position of Representative of King Leopold Explains His Work.

Congress, in both the House and Senate, is more interested today than it has yet been in the development in the accusation that King Leopold of Belgium maintained a lobby in this city to prevent the United States interfering with the atrocities in the Congo.

The Congo consul general, James Gustavus Whiteley, after saying several days ago that he had no idea what the duties were of Colonel Kowalsky, the head of the lobbyists, issued another statement today saying that Kowalsky was employed by the King merely to give any private or public individual any information he might desire about the Congo Free State.

There is talk today of the District Attorney prosecuting Major Garrett, already discharged from the service of Senator Morgan on a charge of being concerned with the lobby, the prosecution to be based on the following provision in the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to correspondence of citizens of the United States with foreign governments:

Section 555. Every citizen of the United States, whether actually resident or abiding with the same, or in any foreign country, who, without the permission or authority of the Government, directly or indirectly, communicates or carries on any verbal or written correspondence or intercourse with any foreign government, or any officer or agent thereof, with an intent to influence the measures or conduct of any foreign government, or of any officer or agent in relation to any disputes or controversies with the United States, or to defeat the measures of the Government of the United States, shall be deemed to be a citizen of the United States, and every person being a citizen of, or resident within, the United States, and not duly authorized, who communicates, advises, or assists in any such correspondence, with such intent, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000, and by imprisonment during a term of not less than six months nor more than three years; but nothing in this section shall be construed to abridge the right of a citizen to apply, himself or his agent, to any foreign government or the agents thereof, for redress for any injury which he may have sustained from such government, or any of its agents or subjects.

I do not know of the existence of the lobby, and, in fact, I believe there is no lobby, and that there has been none. In so far as Col. Henry J. Kowalsky's connection goes, I am not prepared to say, because he acted independently of the consulate.

I must add, also, that Colonel Kowalsky had his own instructions delivered to him and signed by King Leopold.

Colonel Kowalsky's Duty.

"Colonel Kowalsky's duty was to offer information—not to purchase opinion—to whoever needed it, regardless of his station. He was free to give it to statesmen, as well as private individuals. His office, I believe, was in New York, and business often called him to Washington."

Within the past few days, it is claimed, pamphlets have been received by members of Congress under Baltimore dates which purport to give "the latest phase of the Congo question," and are in reality the work of King Leopold and his acts in the Congo. Baltimore, it is said, is the headquarters of Whiteley.

Senator McCrory of Kentucky, who is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, is one of the Senators who have received the pamphlets. "I haven't taken the trouble to read the pamphlet," said Senator McCrory today, "but I don't like the spirit which prompts the sending of it. It seems to me that these outrages in the Congo have gone far enough. I believe that the United States has a perfect right to interfere."

Senator Flint, of California, takes a similar view of the situation. "There is one other thing in connection with this situation," added the Senator, significantly, "I am opposed to any agent or official of this Government being directly or indirectly concerned in the Congo in any way."

"Disgrace to Civilization." Senator Dubois of Idaho said: "Most assuredly I think something should be done to end the barbarities in the Congo, and if the activities of Consul-General Whiteley were as they have been described, it seems to me that our Government ought to take action."

"I have been reading a good deal of the literature on this Congo Free State matter," said Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, "and have tried to inform myself about the situation there. I have noted the effort to convey an impression that conditions have improved in the last year or two. I am convinced that they are thoroughly bad, and a disgrace to civilization."

NOGI SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FALL FROM HORSE

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A cablegram from Tokyo this morning says that General Nogi, while returning from a visit to the Japanese emperor, fell from his horse and received severe injuries about the head, which rendered him unconscious and may cause his death.

\$1.35 to Baltimore and Return via a Pennsylvania Railroad, every Saturday and Sunday. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited." Tickets good to return until Sunday night—Adv.

## JEALOUSY OVER MRS. ADAMS CAUSED THE BROWN TRAGEDY



MRS. ASENATH (ANNIE) C. ADAMS-KISKADDEN, Mother of Maude Adams, Who Says Jealousy of Her Caused Mrs. Bradley to Shoot the Late Senator Brown, of Utah.

## Contest With Kaiser May Follow Dispute With the Reichstag

Fight Similar to That Now Going on in France May Be Outcome of New Election in Germany—Political Prophets Busy.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—A contest between the Kaiser and people overshadowing the Russian convulsions, will result from the dispute between Emperor William and the reichstag is the prediction of political prophets prognosticating on the outcome of the new elections.

The forecasters assert the anti-government majority in the next reichstag will be stronger than in the one just dissolved. The opposition will obstruct the Kaiser step by step, bringing on a deadlock in all departments.

Yesterday's dissolution, it is claimed, is only the first step in the coming upheaval.

Today the predominant feature of the situation is the popular resentment against the ultramontanes, or clerical party, which, acknowledging the Vatican's supremacy, was able to exercise decisive influence in the vote yesterday on a question of national importance thereby forcing dissolution. A fight similar to that in France may result. The clericals, however, are confident of holding their own in the elections.

TRIAL MARRIAGE IS TO BE TESTED BY NOTED SINGER

Corinne Kelsey and Husband to Take to Separation on Approval.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Marriage, according to the startling doctrines recently advocated by Mrs. Herbert Parsons, is to be given a trial by Mrs. Corinne Kelsey-Rider, New York's foremost soprano oratorio and concert singer, and her husband. It became known today that the Kelseys had entered into a compact to live apart for one year.

At the end of this period if they are satisfied that they are better content apart, the courts will be asked to grant them a legal separation.

"Married life has been given a fair trial by the Kelseys," said a friend of the singer and her husband today. "They have had no serious disagreement, but they are not satisfied with their married life in several respects. They have treated the subject in a sensible manner."

"A year, they think, will satisfy them on the point. If they conclude they are happier together than apart, they will resume their former relations."

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey meet frequently, and are apparently on the best of terms. Mrs. Kelsey's concert and other engagements net her an average of \$250 a night.

The Kelseys were married in Toledo, Ohio, in 1904.

LIBERAL IN TREATMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGENTS

Despite the adverse construction of the new employment agency law by Corporation Counsel Thomas, the District Commissioners will deal liberally with employment agents, and permit them to supply clubs, hotels, and similar establishments with servants, even though a bar may be run on the premises. Corporation Counsel Thomas gave an opinion that all places where liquor was served came within the meaning of the act, and therefore to supply a hotel with a servant was violating the letter of the law.

## A Woman's Love Behind a Bullet

We now know it was love, and not hate, that made Mrs. Annie Bradley shoot former Senator Brown, of Utah. When love becomes too intense it burns itself out in jealousy just as the instinct of self-preservation, when it becomes too intense, becomes greed. Mrs. Bradley was jealous of the mother of Maude Adams. Mrs. Adams now admits that she and Senator Brown were about to be married. Mrs. Bradley knew it. She knew also of her own two children—children whom she had taught to call Senator Brown "Father."

"Bang—Bang"—the ambulance—the hospital—the grave. Was Mrs. Bradley justified? Will the unwritten law free her? Ought it to free her? Buy The Sunday Times and read the spirited articles that have been contributed to this nation-wide discussion by Joaquin Miller, the California poet; Mrs. John A. Logan, and Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey.

## MRS. BRADLEY IS GUARDED; FEAR SUICIDE

As soon as Mrs. Bradley, the slayer of former Senator Brown, of Utah, was registered as a prisoner in the jail a guard was placed over her. Immediately after the shooting Mrs. Bradley said she had but one regret, and that was that she did not end her life with the same revolver.

Fearing she would attempt self-destruction, the police watched her every move while she was in their custody and passed the word along when she was committed to the care of Warden Harris. Mrs. Bradley was assigned to cell No. 4. She removed her furs, hat, and coat, and fell upon the bed. A few moments later she asked the guard, "how long will I have to stay in this dismal place?" She was told it would be necessary for her to remain there until the date of the trial, which will probably be several months. Mrs. Bradley seemed utterly crushed by this and wept incessantly.

About dusk she became calm and asked for newspapers, which were given her. When the evening meal was served she drank a cup of coffee, but left the food untouched. A hour later she retired and slept soundly. The police say this is the first sleep she has had since the day of the shooting. The conversation and noise in the kitchen below the woman's department in the east end of the jail awakened Mrs. Bradley before daybreak. She was lying on her back, her head on the wall, and her feet on the door.

Appears in Mental Agony.

The jail officials said she looked much better this morning, but appeared to be in great mental agony. She talked with the attendants about affairs in the jail, asking how many prisoners were in the institution, and several other questions.

In the row of cells in which Mrs. Bradley is confined are a score or more of women, held for offenses ranging from drunkenness to murder. One colored woman is under sentence to serve six years in the penitentiary for killing her infant child a year ago. Several of the white women saw Mrs. Bradley and having heard of her offense sympathized with her. One of them wished she could have her children, and seemed most solicitous of their welfare. She was given writing material and wrote a letter to a friend in Salt Lake, in whose custody she left the two youngsters when she started for Washington last week. Mrs. Bradley says she knows they will be well cared for during her imprisonment in jail.

Caller Was Not Mrs. Adams.

Last night about 9 o'clock a woman called to see Mrs. Bradley. The visitor was denied admittance, because the rules prohibit anyone except prisoners and guards entering after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It was rumored that the woman was Mrs. Annie Adams, but this proved untrue. The visitor was a newspaper writer, with whom Mrs. Bradley said Saturday she had covered several important women's club conventions.

The visitor last night was one of the persons Mrs. Bradley asked for when she was taken to the First precinct station.

After breakfast this morning, which consisted of buttered toast, an egg, and coffee, Mrs. Bradley seemed to have accepted the inevitable and to be reconciled to her fate. Although she did not eat heartily, she held fast to her resolve, and her voice was firmer than at any other time since her arrest.

She read the morning papers and wept when she learned that Mrs. Adams had made the statement that she was to have married Senator Brown on New Year's Day. She read no more after reaching that point in the story, but threw the papers aside and broke into sobs again.

Shortly before noon attorneys Wells, Hoover, and Wells went to the jail to see Mrs. Bradley. They remained in conference with her for several hours, and before leaving her adjured her to

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## WOMAN SCORNOED DETERMINED TO SECURE REVENGE

Mrs. Bradley Said to Have Found Letters Telling of Their Coming Wedding.

Frenzied jealousy, and not any desire to give her children a name in the world, or because she had suffered the pangs of poverty, prompted Mrs. Anna M. Bradley to shoot and kill Senator Arthur Brown in his room at the Raleigh Hotel last Saturday.

This belief was borne out last night when Mrs. Annie Adams, mother of Maude Adams, the actress, stated that she and Senator Brown were engaged to be married on New Year's Day. Mrs. Bradley saw the letters from Mrs. Adams to Senator Brown, in which the writer talked of the coming marriage. Arming herself with a .38-caliber revolver and letters couched in endearing terms to Senator Brown from Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Bradley tracked him across the continent with the determination, it is said, to make him change his plan and marry her instead of the mother of the actress, or kill him. The Government expects to prove this and more at the trial of Mrs. Bradley.

Mrs. Bradley says she is the mother of two of Senator Brown's children. Throughout the entire time she has been in the hands of the police in Washington she has insisted that she shot Senator Brown in a fit of excitement in his room because he flatly refused to marry her or provide her with money. She said she was in need of funds to provide for herself and children and appealed to him for the necessary cash. Then, she says, he refused to do. Mrs. Bradley has maintained since her arrest that no other woman was implicated in the case.

Brought Suit of Mourning.

Her soul at white heat under the combined force of jealousy and despair, Mrs. Bradley is believed to have planned to kill Senator Brown, and even went so far as to bring a suit of mourning to Washington with her. In her handbag she carried the letters which convinced her that Senator Brown intended breaking his promise to marry her.

Smarting under this conviction she entered the Raleigh Hotel, obtained an apartment near his and afterwards went to his room to see further evidence of the fact that he purposed marrying Mrs. Adams. While ransacking his clothing and baggage she was found by Senator Brown, who started at the sight of her and exclaimed: "I did not expect to see you here. I thought you went to Chicago."

That the two had a protracted quarrel was intimated at the Coroner's inquest yesterday, when one of the witnesses testified that Senator Brown told a friend: "Well we have had it out and this is the result. Further evidence of the quarrel is in the hands of the police."

Letters From Mrs. Adams.

Property Clerk Kemp had five or six letters written by Mrs. Adams to Senator Brown. They all contained reference to the marriage on New Year's Day. These letters are all in a hundred or more pieces, each scrap being crumpled and soiled. Mrs. Bradley admits that she tore them before Senator Brown's eyes and sneered at the author, quoting tender passages from the missives.

The letters have been patched together on oil silk and the writing on both sides of the paper can be read. Policeman Phillips, stationed at Police Headquarters, spent several hours yesterday and today before figuring out where each piece belonged and pasting it in its proper place. The letters are held by the police as all concerned with the case turned over to District Attorney Baker to assist in the prosecution of Mrs. Bradley.

Mrs. Adams is said to have intended getting possession of these letters when she came to Washington, but she made no call for them.

Last Words of Brown.

Among Senator Brown's last words were, "I'm trying to think what I'll do with all this money (evidently meaning Mrs. Bradley) when I get well." He is said to have remarked that he did not expect any drastic measures from her. To this Mrs. Bradley replied, "I did not think I would do such a thing, but I was enraged at his emphatic refusal to marry or provide for me. I stood every abuse he offered, but when he came East I believed he intended deserting me and I could not stand that because of my children."

Saturday was not Senator Brown's first experience with an enraged woman with a revolver in her hand. Many years ago his first wife opened fire on him, and shot at him three times because of his alleged misconduct with another woman. He was unhurt. The quarrel resulted in a divorce. The woman who ruined the life of this woman at a later date became Senator Brown's wife. Later Mrs. Bradley came into the home and wrecked it again.

Senator Brown had disregarded public opinion and thrown morals to the winds, and those most intimately acquainted with his manner (evidently meaning Mrs. Bradley) when he had been in hot water most of the years of his life because of his lax way of living and association with two women at the same time.